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Predictive Methods Based on Alpha-1-Acid Glycoprotein Levels

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Second Preliminary Amendment
Submitted Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Sir:

This second Preliminary Amendment follows a first Preliminary Amendment filed on March 28, 2002. Before commencing examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.